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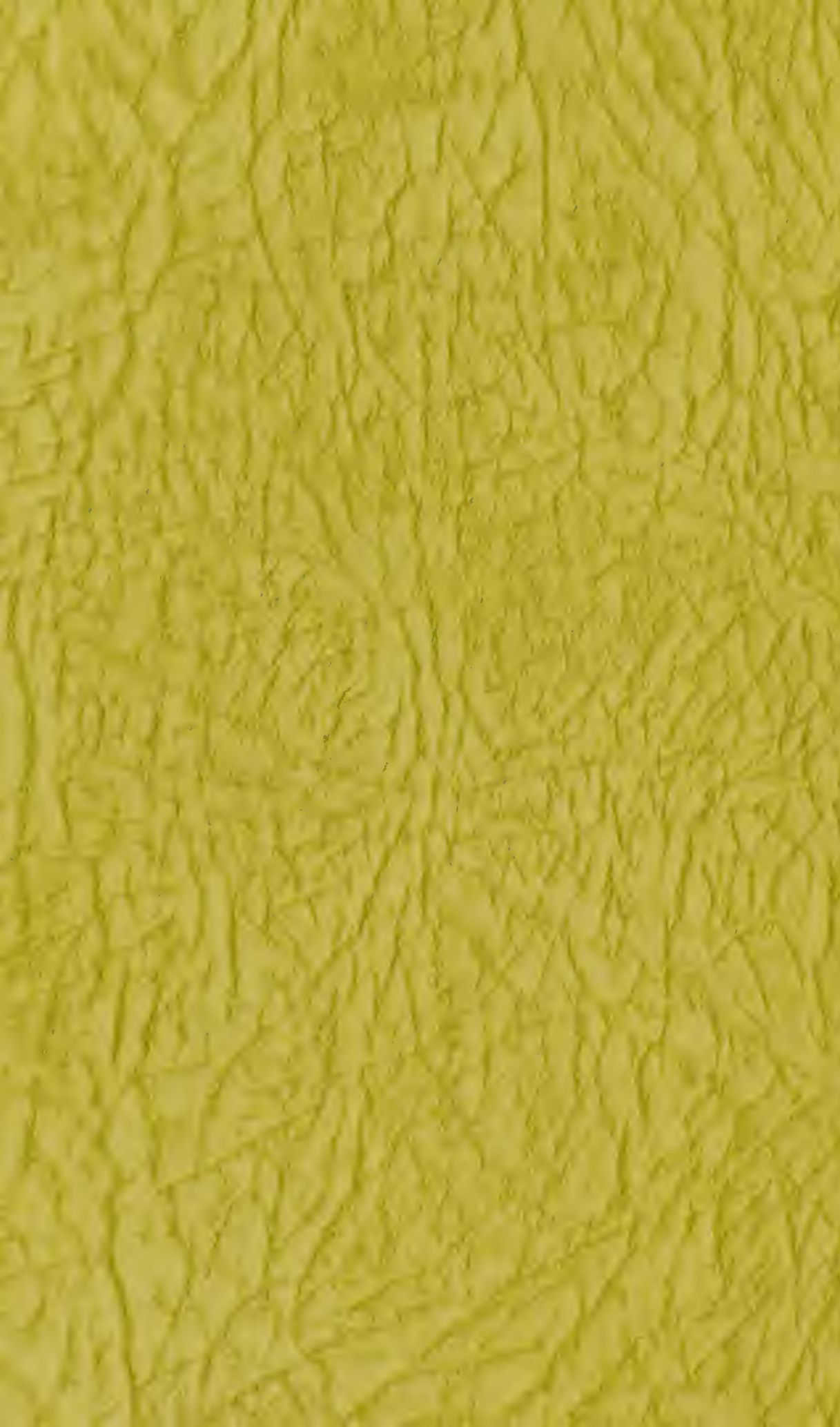
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Public Health Department,
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Bentley,
Nr. Doncaster.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1943 for your consideration. In view of the shortage of staff the Public Health Service has been well maintained and the Civil Defence Services, Billeting, etc., have received all possible attention.

The death of Sub-Lieutenant W. Lawton, Fleet Air Arm, in training, was a great shock as he had endeared himself to all by his pleasant and cheery disposition; his willingness and application to his work showed promise of a good future. Full sympathy has been extended to his family.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. BRIGGS,
Sanitary Inspector.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.

J. FERGUSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Sanitary, Housing and Petroleum Inspector.

J. T. BRIGGS, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspectors' Certificate, Royal Sanitary Institute.

Sanitary Science Certificate, do.

Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate, do.

Smoke Inspector's Certificate, do.

Assistant.

E. GILLOTT H.M. Forces, 16/1/41

Clerks.

W. LAWTON Fleet Air Arm, 29/6/42
 (Killed in Training, 25/9/43)

L. BARBER Fleet Air Arm, 4/10/43

G. WYMAN (Miss)

Billeting Clerk.

Mrs. N. HATFIELD (Part-time)

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

	Inspections	Re-inspections
No. of Visits made	2553	172
„ Complaints received	246	
„ Complaints confirmed	207	
„ Verbal Notices	228	
„ Informal Notices	394	
„ Statutory Notices	25	
„ Notices outstanding on 31st December, 1943.	71	
„ Matters referred to Surveyor	19	

SUMMARY OF VISITS

Slaughterhouses	12
Meat and Food Inspection	124
Meat Centre	6
Dustbins	916
Animals and poultry	3
Back roads	6
Bakehouses	7
Closets—water	37
Closets—pail	2
Cesspools	1
Complaints investigated	246
Complaints confirmed	207
Coal gas	1
Cowsheds	81
Dairies	34
Drains inspected	121
Factories	7
Food Preparing Places	8
Houses re Scarlet Fever	70
„ Diphtheria	10
„ Cerebro-spinal Fever	1
„ Tuberculosis	1
„ Overcrowding	1
„ Dirt	15
„ Bugs	14
„ Other Vermin	7
Interviews	45
Knackers Yards	10
Moveable Dwellings	5
Moveable Dwelling Sites	3
Offensive Trades	10
Offensive Smells	1
Nuisances noted	7
Prospective Council Tenants	2
Rats and Mice	24
Sampling :—	
Milk—Bacterial Test	87
Milk—Food and Drugs Act	44
Water—Bacterial Test	4
Water—Chemical Test	2

	Inspections	Re-inspections
Sanitary Inspections	78	
Scabies	5	
Sewers	17	
Special Visits	214	
Streams	10	
Street gullies and channels	30	
Tips	8	
Urinals	1	
Vacated Council Houses	4	
Water Supply	4	

IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

HOUSES.

Bath waste pipes	4
Coppers renewed	4
Copper brickwork repaired	4
Cold water tanks renewed	2
Doors repaired	10
Fireplaces repaired	14
Ovens renewed	3
Fireback boilers renewed	6
Firebars renewed	4
Smokey flues cured	4
Floors renewed	12
Gas main	1
Hot water cyclinders renewed	5
Plasterwork repaired	9
Sinks renewed	2
Sink waste pipes renewed	1
Water pipes repaired and renewed	24
Water taps renewed	11
Damp walls cured	21
Eaves spouts renewed	10
Rain water pipes renewed	3
Roofs repaired	14
Windows repaired	6
Sash cords renewed	11
Window fasteners renewed	4
Dustbins renewed	591
Water supplies renewed	8

CLOSETS.

Basins renewed	10
Flushing cisterns renewed	12
Water pipes repaired	12
Roofs repaired	2
Water closets reconstructed	2
Flush pipes repaired	3
Closet pails renewed	2

	Inspections
DRAINS.	
Cleansed	132
Reconstructed	3
Inspection chamber covers renewed	3
Sewers cleansed	21
Inspection chambers built	3
Inspection chambers repaired	2
Gullies renewed	2

FACTORIES

Water closets provided	3
Wash basins provided	3
Cloakrooms provided	2
Urinals provided	1

GENERAL.

Rat nuisances abated	11
Dirty houses	5
Animal and poultry	2
Dangerous walls made safe	2
Streams cleansed	2

SHOPS ACTS.

Owing to pressure of work and shortage of staff no visits were made.

FLOODING.

The area has been free from floods during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

No houses were connected to the public water supply. There are now 12 houses and 7 farms on deep and shallow wells and 2 railway houses which receive water from the public supply by rail.

PRIVIES AND PAIL CLOSETS.

All properties within reach of the sewers are now connected. There are 13 privies and 22 pail closets remaining.

CLEANSING OF CHOKED DRAINS.

The arrangements made in 1942 for the cleansing of drains have worked successfully and such nuisances have been rapidly abated.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

BUGS—Sixteen houses were found to be infested with bugs, 13 were privately owned and 3 were council property. This work was carried out directly by the Health Department, Zaldeide and sulphur were used in conjunction with the stripping of wood work and paper; this ensures that all filth is removed and no return visit has yet been made.

CRICKETS AND BLACKCLOCKS—27 houses were treated with Kromo powder with very good results.

RATS AND MICE.

Much activity has taken place in the elimination of rats during the year and known rat harbours have been treated with poison and gas. The new system of baiting and poisoning instituted by the Ministry of Food was used on the Sewage Works and Tipping site with great success and, at the moment, these sites are clear of rats.

SMOKE OBSERVATIONS.

No observations were taken during the year.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

There are four sites occupied by moveable dwellings all of which are licensed and comply with the byelaws. Itinerant hawkers and horse dealers used unlicensed sites and country lanes for a few weeks whilst working this area.

OFFENSIVE TRADE.

Bone boiler and blood drier	1
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There was no application for consent to the establishment of an offensive trade during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES ACTS AND ORDERS.

DAIRYMEN, COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Retailers taken off the register	.....	.....	Nil
Retailers entered on the register	.....	.....	Nil
Retailers of bottled milk (Sterilised)	.....	.....	33
Retailers on register 31st December,	.....	.....	57
Wholesalers	„	.....	24
Producers	„	.....	19
Cowsheds	„	.....	37
Registered premises	„	.....	24

One new producer and wholesaler was registered during the year and one went out of business. One dairy was constructed. The cowsheds and dairies were kept in a satisfactory condition.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

Applications were made for Supplementary Licences to sell milks of the following types:—

Pasteurised Milk	.....	.....	2
Tuberculin Tested Milk	.....	.....	1

One producer of Tuberculin Tested Milk retails in the Area.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are four slaughterhouses in the district for the use of which five butchers are licensed, and one knackers yard. Private slaughtering ceased after January 1941, when wartime control of slaughtering was centralised at public abattoirs. Only a few pigs (74) have been dressed in the area for private consumption.

The Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, have been properly observed with regard to notices of slaughter.

Special notices from slaughterhouses	.....	.....	17
Special notices from cottages	.....	.....	42

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

Humane slaughtering of all animals in accordance with the Act is in force throughout the district.

No. of Slaughtermen's Licences issued 15

SUPERVISION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY.

Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1938.

Under the West Riding County Council's Scheme your Sanitary Inspector carries out the sampling of milk in this area.

Samples of milk from open cans 28

Samples of milk from bottles 16

No. of Samples	Open can or Bottled Supply	Fatty Solids	Nn.-Fat Solias	Total Solids	Added Water	Remarks
8	Open can	2.85	8.71	11.56	—	Cautioned
23	Do.	2.85	8.63	11.48	—	Do.
32	Do.	3.04	7.74	10.78	9.0%	Do.
34	Do.	2.16	8.04	10.20	5.4%	Do.
39	Taken in course of delivery	2.93	8.17	11.10	3.8%	Do.
41	Do.	3.36	8.08	11.44	4.9%	Do.
44	Do.	2.72	8.08	10.80	—	—

Nos. 34, 41 and 44 were all from the same producer and an "appeal to the cow" sample proved that the quality of the milk was poor in fatty solids. Nos. 32 and 39 were from another producer and an "appeal to the cow sample" proved that the milk was poor in solids not fat.

Section 14, Registration of Food Preparing Premises.

Premises for the preparation or storage of
Ice Cream 2

Premises for the preparation or manufacture of
sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved
foods 15

Fish Friers 14

All premises were kept in a reasonable state of cleanliness.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Visits to Slaughterhouses 12

No. of animals slaughtered 74

Inspection of meat and food 124

No. of condemnations 94

CONDEMNATION OF FOODSTUFFS.

Beef 183 lbs.

Ham and Bacon 41 lbs.

Sausage 63 lbs.

Cheese 171½ lbs.

Eggs (Fresh) 742 88¼ lbs.

Jams and Marmalade (15 jars) 27 lbs.

Milk (68 tins) 52¼ lbs.

Meat and Pastes (143 tins) 47 lbs.

Fish (43 tins) 25¼ lbs.

Vegetables (90 tins)	.....	.....	87½ lbs.
Fruit (14 tins)	.....	.....	57½ lbs.
Soup (10 tins)	.....	.....	8½ lbs.
Meat and Vegetables (11 tins)	.....	.....	11 lbs.
Fish	.....	.....	70 lbs.
Black Pudding	.....	.....	19 lbs.
Butter	.....	.....	24¼ lbs.
Margarine	.....	.....	49 lbs.
Lard	.....	.....	15 lbs.
Suet	.....	.....	7 lbs.
Sugar	.....	.....	1½ lbs.
Sauce (8 bottles)	.....	.....	2¼ lbs.
Pickles (19 jars)	.....	.....	29¾ lbs.
Dried Eggs (4 packets)	.....	.....	1¾ lbs.
Tea	.....	.....	1 lb.
Total			<u>1513¼ lbs.</u>

MILK.

Samples for Bacterial Test.

Type	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Ordinary Milk ...	58	39	19
Ordinary Milk (Heat Treated) ...	16	9	7
Graded Milk ...	8	7	1
Bottled, Sterilised ...	5	4	1
Total ...	87	59	28

Ordinary Milks. Methylene Blue Test.

Time of Decolourisation	Summer Time	Winter Time
Under 1 hour	—	—
1 hour and under 2 hours ...	4	—
2 hours and under 3 hours ...	3	1
3 hours and under 4 hours ...	3	1
4 hours and under 5 hours ...	4	1
5 hours and under 5½ hours ...	—	2
Satisfactory	17	22

Heat Treated Milk sold as Ordinary.

No. of Samples	Plate Count Test	Phosphatase Test	Remarks
7	Unsatisfactory	3 Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
9	Satisfactory	8 satisfactory	Satisfactory

Graded Milks.

No. of Samples	Type	Methylene Blue Test	Plate Count Test	Remarks
1	Tuberculin Tested ...	1	—	Satisfactory
6	Pasteurised	—	up to 64,000	do
1	do.	—	128,000	Unsatisfactory

Sterilised Milks.

No. of Samples	Plate Count Test	Remarks
4	Sterile	Satisfactory
1	112,000	Unsatisfactory

The percentage return of satisfactory milks shows an improvement on 1942 and on a slightly larger total. Not one sample was reported upon as being Tuberculous.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1. Ordinary Cases.

Cases Notified	.....	.....	104
Cases removed to Hospital	.....	.....	104

Classification.

Scarlet Fever	.....	.....	88
Diphtheria	.....	.....	15
Cerebro-spinal Fever	.....	.....	1

Distribution.

Ward	S. Fever	Diphtheria	C. S. Fever	Food Poisoning	Totals
New Village ...	35	5	—	—	40
Toll Bar ...	3	1	—	—	4
Central ...	9	1	—	—	10
Bentley Road	37	8	1	—	46
Arksey ...	4	—	—	—	4
Totals ...	88	15	1	—	104

2. Tuberculosis.

New Notifications	.....	.....	25
No. on Register 31st December, 1943 :—			
Pulmonary	98
Non-Pulmonary	53
			<u>151</u>

3. Disinfection of Premises.

Houses	103
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HOUSING.

HOUSING ACT, 1936.—OVERCROWDING.

A few complaints were received but, upon inspection, only one was confirmed and it was not possible to take further immediate action owing to the housing position.

HOUSING ACTS, 1925-1936.—CLEARANCE AREAS.

Of the clearance areas put in hand in 1937 two houses remain and one is occupied. No further work has been done in this respect since the war commenced.

INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES.

All houses declared to be unfit have been demolished and the sites cleared.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

No routine inspections of dwelling houses have been made but all complaints have received immediate attention.



